

**ADVISORY PANEL FOR INTEGRATIVE ACTIVITIES  
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Advisory Committee Charter**

**1. Committee's Official Designation** Advisory Panel for Integrative Activities (the Committee) #1373

**2. Authority** This committee is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App., and the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §1861 et. seq.

**3. Objective and Scope of Activities** To advise the National Science Foundation (NSF) on the merit of proposals requesting financial support of research and research-related activities. To review proposals submitted to NSF under the purview of the Office of Integrative Activities (OIA). To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation concerning research activities in OIA.

**4. Description of Duties** The Committee will review and evaluate proposals, which may include site visits, and provide written recommendations on proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The Committee may evaluate and provide advice on the progress of awarded proposals.

The Committee may review and advise on the impact of research and research support encompassed by OIA.

The Committee may advise OIA on program management, overall program balance, and other aspects of program performance within OIA.

The Committee may advise as to the impact of overall NSF-wide policies on the scientific community.

**5. Official to Whom the Committee Reports** The Committee reports to the Office Director, Office of Integrative Activities.

**6. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support** The National Science Foundation will provide all operating and staff support costs for the Committee.

**7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years** The estimated annual operating cost of this panel is about \$807,000 which includes about \$137,000 in staff support cost. Staff support is approximately 1.5 person-year.

**8. Designated Federal Officer** A full-time or permanent part-time NSF employee will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO will approve or call the committee meetings, prepare and approve meeting agendas, attend committee meetings, and adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest. The Director, OIA will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Alternate DFOs may be appointed.

**9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings** There are approximately three meeting a year.

**10. Duration** It is expected that the Committee will continue indefinitely with renewals of the charter every two years as required under FACA.

**11. Termination** The Committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

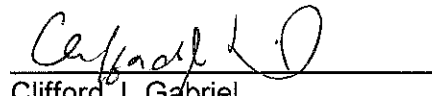
**12. Membership and Designation** Membership is expected to consist of approximately 350 people per year. The number of these members attending each meeting is determined by the subject and number of proposals or programs to be reviewed. Members are selected to achieve a balance of viewpoints and expertise in scientific areas encompassed by OIA activities. To the extent practicable, effort is made to achieve a diverse membership that includes individuals from underrepresented groups and different geographic regions.

Members will be comprised either of Special Government Employees (SGE) and Regular Government Employees (RGE).

**13. Subcommittees** NSF may form subcommittees for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees may not work independently and must report their recommendations and advice to the full committee for full deliberation and discussion.

**14. Recordkeeping** The records of the Committee shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26 and applicable agency records disposition schedule.

**15. Certification** This committee is determined to be necessary and in the public interest.



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**Date Filed with Congress:**

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